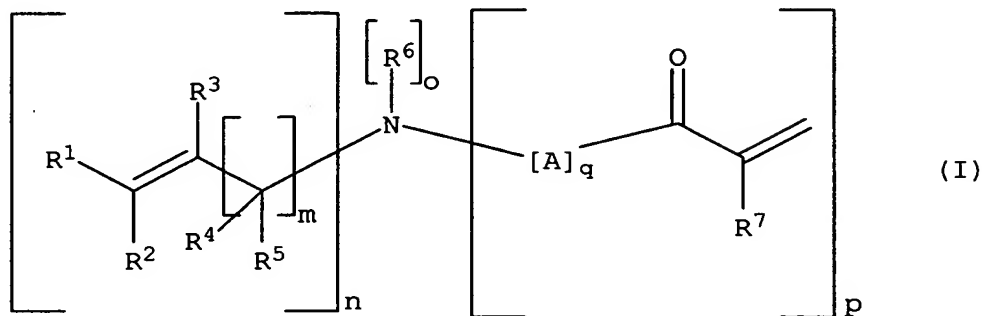


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) (Meth)acrylic esters of unsaturated ~~amino alcohols~~ aminoalcohols of the general formula \pm (I)



~~where~~ wherein

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^6 is C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is an integer from 0 to 10,

n is 1 or 2,

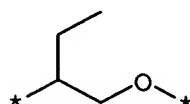
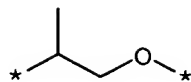
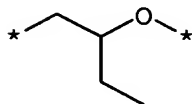
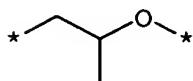
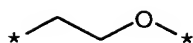
o is 0 or 1,

p is 1 or 2,

q is an integer from 2 to 100,

the sum total of n , o , and p is 3, and

A represents identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of



~~where~~ wherein * identifies the positions of attachment.

2. (Currently amended) (Meth)acrylic esters of ~~unsaturated amino alcohols of the general formula I as per claim 1, where~~ wherein

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 , and R^5 are each hydrogen,

R^6 is C_1 to C_3 alkyl, of which C_3 alkyl may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is 0 or 1,

n is 1 or 2,

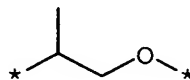
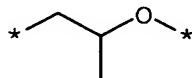
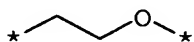
o is 0 or 1,

p is 1 or 2,

q is an integer from 3 to 40,

the sum total of n , o , and p is 3, and

A represents identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of



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~~where~~ wherein * identifies the positions of attachment.

3. (Currently amended) (Meth)acrylic
esters of ~~unsaturated amino alcohols of the general~~
~~formula I as per claim 1, where~~ wherein

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, and R⁵ are each hydrogen,

R⁷ is hydrogen or methyl,

m is 1,

n is 1 or 2,

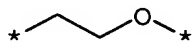
o is 0,

p is 1 or 2,

q is an integer from 5 to 20,

the sum total of n, o, and p is 3, and

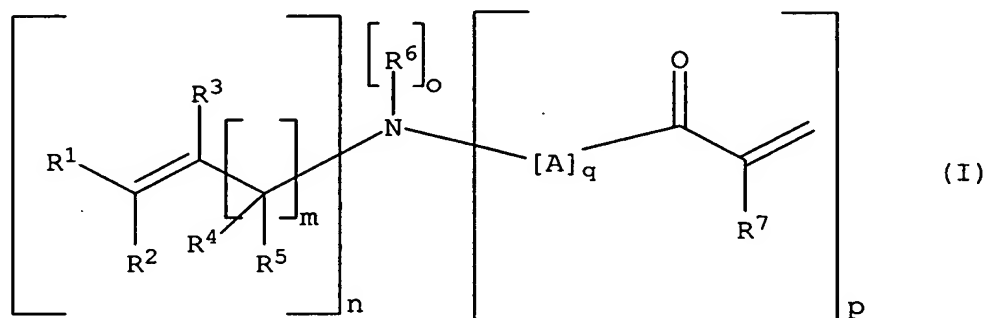
A is



~~where~~ wherein * identifies the positions of
attachment.

4. (Currently amended) A process for preparing the (meth)acrylic esters of ~~unsaturated amine alcohols as claimed in claim 1 to 3, which comprises~~ comprising unsaturated ~~amine alcohols~~ aminoalcohols being transesterified with lower (meth)acrylic esters in the presence of a catalyst, ~~the~~ a released lower alcohol being distilled off during the ~~reaction~~ transesterification, ~~if appropriate~~ optionally as an azeotrope, and ~~the~~ unconverted lower (meth)acrylic ester being distilled off after the ~~reaction~~ transesterification has ended, optionally diluted with water and filtered.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Swellable~~ A swell-
able hydrogel-forming polymer ~~containing~~ comprising a
 copolymerized internal crosslinker of the a general
 formula \pm (I)



where wherein

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 are each independently
 hydrogen or C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl may
 be branched or unbranched,

R^6 is C_1 to C_6 alkyl, of which C_3 to C_6 alkyl
 may be branched or unbranched,

R^7 is hydrogen or methyl,

m is an integer from 0 to 10,

n is 1 or 2,

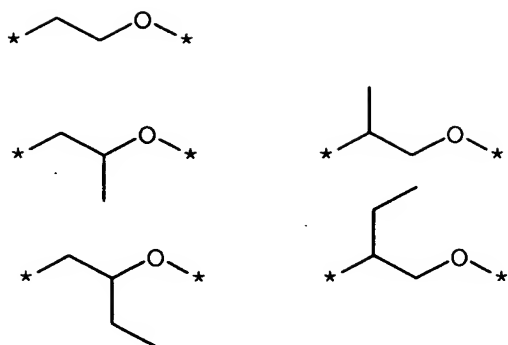
o is 0 or 1,

p is 1 or 2,

q is an integer from 1 to 100,

the sum total of n , o , and p is 3, and

A represents identical or different radicals
 selected from the group consisting of



6. (Currently amended) ~~Swellable~~ A swell-
able hydrogel-forming polymer ~~containing~~ comprising a
copolymerized (meth)acrylic ester of an unsaturated
aminoalcohol of ~~internal crosslinker of the general
formula I as claimed in claim 2~~ as an internal cross-
linker.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Swellable~~ A swell-
able hydrogel-forming polymer ~~containing~~ comprising a
copolymerized (meth)acrylic ester of an unsaturated
aminoalcohol of ~~internal crosslinker of the general
formula I as claimed in claim 3~~ as an internal cross-
linker.

8. (Currently amended) A process for preparing crosslinked swellable hydrogel-forming polymers ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5 ~~to 7~~, which comprises polymerizing an aqueous mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer, optionally at least one further monoethylenically unsaturated compound, at least one (meth)acrylic ester of unsaturated ~~amino alcohols~~ aminoalcohols, at least one free-radical initiator, ~~and~~ optionally ~~also~~ at least one grafting base, and optionally ~~the~~ a reaction mixture obtained being postcrosslinked, dried, and brought to the desired particle size.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A hygiene article comprising a crosslinked swellable hydrogel-forming polymer ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5 ~~to 7~~.

11. (New) A process for preparing cross-linked swellable hydrogel-forming polymers of claim 6 which comprises polymerizing an aqueous mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer, optionally at least one further monoethylenically unsaturated compound, at least one (meth)acrylic ester of unsaturated aminoalcohols, at least one free-radical initiator, optionally at least one grafting base, and optionally a reaction mixture obtained being post-crosslinked, dried, and brought to the desired particle size.

12. (New) A process for preparing cross-linked swellable hydrogel-forming polymers of claim 7 which comprises polymerizing an aqueous mixture comprising a hydrophilic monomer, optionally at least one further monoethylenically unsaturated compound, at least one (meth)acrylic ester of unsaturated aminoalcohols, at least one free-radical initiator, optionally at least one grafting base, and optionally a reaction mixture obtained being post-crosslinked, dried, and brought to the desired particle size.